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BERET WEAR POLICY (TAG-CSM)

Reference AR 670-1 Note: This regulation has been revised and is currently in postproduction printing. This regulation is due out soon.

1. The Adjutant General has designated 1 December 2001 as the mandatory start date for wear of the beret by all New Jersey Army National Guard members. A copy of the beret wear policy has been provided to assist you in this effort.

2. Wear of the beret.

a. Beret

(1) *General.* The beret is the basic headgear for utility and service (class A and B) uniforms in garrison environments. It is a retainable, nonrecoverable organizational issue item (DA-Pam710-2-1 governs procedures for turn-in and re-issue of the beret). Soldiers will not wear the beret in the field or training environments, or on deployments, unless authorized by the commander. Additionally, if the commander determines other environments are unsuitable for wear of the beret, such as work details, the commander may direct other soldiers to wear other appropriate headgear. Personnel being transferred from one organization to another may continue to wear the beret and flash of the former unit until reporting for duty at the new organization. Only those personnel authorized to wear the tan, green, and maroon berets, military police, or personnel assigned to air assault coded positions are authorized to wear bloused boots with the class A or B uniforms.

(2) *Composition.* The beret consists of a woolen knitted outer shell (lined or unlined) with a leather sweatband and an adjusting ribbon threaded through the binding. The beret is equipped with a stiffener on the left front for attachment of organizational flashes and insignia.

(3) *Wear.* The beret is worn so that the headband (edge binding) is straight across the forehead, 1 inch above the eyebrows. No hair may be visible on the forehead beneath the headband. The flash is positioned over the left eye, and the excess material is draped over to the right ear to at least the top of the ear, and no lower than the middle of the ear. Personnel will cut off ends of the adjusting ribbon and secure the ribbon knot inside the edge binding at the back of the beret. When worn properly, the beret is form fitting to the head; therefore, soldiers may not wear hairstyles that cause distortion of the beret.

(4) *Beret insignia.* Officers and warrant officers wear non-subdued grade insignia centered on the beret flash, and chaplains wear their branch insignia. Enlisted personnel wear their distinctive unit insignia centered on the beret flash. General officers may wear full, medium, or miniature-size stars on the beret. Stars are worn point-to-point and may be mounted on a bar as an option.

b. *Black, tan, green, and maroon berets.*

(1) *Black beret.*

(a) Unless otherwise indicated below, soldiers who are not authorized to wear the tan, green, or maroon berets will wear the black beret, including Senior and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) instructors. Soldiers are issued the black beret upon assignment to their first permanent duty assignment after completion of initial entry training or officer/warrant officer basic courses. Cadets and officer/warrant officer candidates will not wear the black beret. Split-option soldiers or soldiers in the Simultaneous Membership Program will wear the black beret only when performing duties with their units and will wear the headgear described in paragraph 2 below.

(2) *Ranger tan beret.* Soldiers currently assigned to the following units are authorized wear of the Ranger tan beret. Personnel will wear the approved flash of the unit to which they are assigned.

(a) 75th Ranger Regiment

(b) Ranger Training Brigade

(c) Ranger-qualified soldiers in the following units or positions if they previously served in the 75th Ranger Regiment: U.S. Special Operations Command; U.S. Army Special Operations Command; U.S. Special Operations Command Joint Taskforce; and Theater Special Operations Command. Then 75th Ranger Regiment is the sole authority for validation of serviced in the Ranger Regiment.

(3) *Green beret.*

(a) If approved by local commanders, all Special Forces (SF) qualified personnel (those carrying the SF military occupational specialties of 18A or 180A, career management field 18, and command sergeants major reclassified from 18Z to 00Z) are authorized to wear the green beret. This includes Senior and Junior ROTC instructors and those attending training at an Army service school in a student status (for example, at the Command and General Staff College, the Defense language institute, or the U.S. Army Sergeants major Academy).

(b) Special Forces personnel will wear the approved flash of the unit to which they are assigned. Personnel assigned to an organization without an approved flash will wear the generic SF flash (the flash approved for personnel assigned to SF positions but not assigned to SF units).

(4) *Maroon beret.* All personnel assigned to airborne units that have a primary mission of airborne operations wear the maroon beret. The airborne designation for a unit is found in the unit modification table of organization and equipment (MTOE). Other soldiers authorized to wear the maroon beret are indicated below. Personnel will wear the approved flash of the unit to which they are assigned.

(a) Active duty advisors to Reserve airborne units on jump status.

(b) All personnel assigned to the airborne departments of the U.S. Army Infantry School and the U.S. Army Quartermaster School.

(c) All personnel assigned to Long Range Surveillance detachments designated as airborne.

(d) All personnel assigned to the Airborne/Airlift Action Office.

- (e) Recruiters of the Special Operations Recruiting Company, U.S. Army Recruiting Command. Personnel will wear the U.S. Army Special Operations Command flash.
- (f) All personnel assigned to the Airborne Procurement Team
- (g) All personnel assigned to 982d Combat Signal Company Airborne Combat Camera Documentation Team.

3. Patrol Cap.

a. *General* The patrol cap (formerly called the battle dress uniform (BDU) cap) is worn with the BDU in field environments, on deployments when Kevlar helmet is not worn; on work details; or when the commander determines conditions are unsuitable for wear of the beret. Additionally, personnel in initial training categories who are not issued or who do not wear the black beret will wear the patrol cap with the BDU. The patrol cap is available in both hot weather and temperate fabrics.

b. *Wear.* Personnel wear the patrol cap straight on the head so that the cap band creates a straight line around the head parallel to the ground. The patrol cap will fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without distortion or excessive gaps. The cap is worn so that no hair is visible on the forehead beneath the cap. The insignia is worn as currently described for the patrol (BDU) cap in AR 670-1.

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